

(Please add the following new Claim 24)

24. A method according to Claim 23 wherein the beverage composition has a pH from about 2 to about 4.5.

(Please add the following new Claim 25)

25. A method according to Claim 24 wherein the beverage composition further comprises a sweetener.

(Please add the following new Claim 26)

26. A method according to Claim 25 wherein M, M', and M'' are each sodium.

(Please add the following new Claim 27)

27. A method according to Claim 26 wherein n is an integer averaging from about 10 to about 30.

(Please add the following new Claim 28)

28. A method according to Claim 27 wherein the beverage composition has a pH of from about 2.7 to about 3.5.

(Please add the following new Claim 29)

29. A method according to Claim 28 wherein n is an integer averaging from about 13 to about 25.

(Please add the following new Claim 30)

30. A method according to Claim 29 wherein the beverage composition comprises from about 0.1% to about 20% of the sweetener, by weight of the composition.

(Please add the following new Claim 31)

31. A method according to Claim 30 wherein n is an integer averaging from about 19 to about 25.

REMARKS

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for the consideration given the present application. The Office Action dated November 27, 2001 has been reviewed and, based on the continued rejections set forth therein, Applicant has again presented claims drawn to methods of use in preparation for a possible appeal. Such claims are designated herein as new Claims 23 - 31. As claims drawn to methods of use were originally presented in this application and are fully supported by the present specification, no new matter is introduced through presentation of these